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I believe I am an original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, "*System and method for improving the productivity of a welding shop*" the specification of which

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☒ was filed on July 30, 2003 as

Application Number 10/630,241

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

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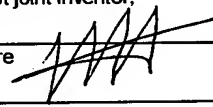

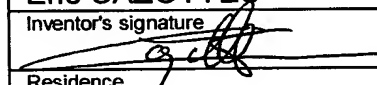
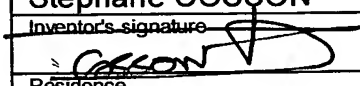
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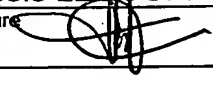
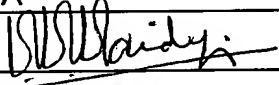
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